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Dear Ms. Hesse:

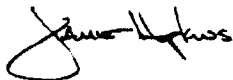
I support approval of the proposed settlement Judge Kollar Kottely is reviewing that would bring closure to the federal government's antitrust case against Microsoft Corporation.

As a grassroots taxpayer advocate, I know firsthand that ending this suit is a priority for taxpayers across Iowa. It is an issue that comes up at many meetings and in telephone conversations with activists on a regular basis.

Taxpayers want to see the suit ended, not just to end the waste of their money, but also to send the message that the marketplace is where decisions about the success and failure of businesses should be made and not courtrooms.

I am hopeful that the judge will approve the settlement and bring an end to waste of federal taxpayer dollars that have been spent on this suit. I appreciate the opportunity to register my opinions on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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